

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 26-63 have been added and are pending.

A Notice to File Missing Parts is requested setting a time for filing the inventors' Declaration and filing fees.

Many of the pending claims are similar to and correspond closely with the claims allowed in the parent and related applications, which issued as the above-noted U.S. patents, or have been indicated as allowable in the pending parent application Serial No. 10/044,995. The format of claims 54-62 is similar to the claims issued in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,683,864 and 6,312,889, copies of which are included with the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith.

The specification has been amended to be consistent with amendments made in the parent application Serial No. 09/941,611. No new matter has been added.

Copies of the formal drawings filed and accepted in the grand-parent application Serial No. 09/275,265 (and filed in the parent application Serial No. 09/941,611) are attached and the specification has been amended above to include the same.

The specification has been amended to include the attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing. The attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing is the same as the paper and computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed in the parent application Serial No. 09/941,611. No new matter has been added. The Office is

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requested to use the computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing from the parent application Serial No. 09/941,611 and grand-parent application Serial No. 09/275,265 for the present application. A separate Request in this regard is attached.

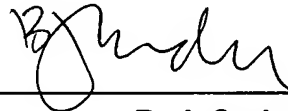
Return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO 1149 Form, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested. Many of the cited references are of record in the parent applications, as indicated in the Information Disclosure Statement, and further copies of the same are not believed to be required. The Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned if otherwise. Newly cited references are included herewith.

A Notice to File Missing Parts is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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